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Do you want to make a Mother Hubhard-such a one as is shown in the cut? Then select a slightly wrinkled peanut. Touch up the features of the old lady on the bulbous end of the nut. Next sharpen two matches, and stick these into her roly poly body for legs, then spur her up with two pins for arms, and there she will stand before you a weazen old woman, with a slightly bilious complexion and shrunken limbs, but an old woman capable of being improved by dress, as most women are. Therefore fashion her a gown and bonnet out of tissue paper, and as she would hardly be complete without hands and feet, a little gum properly placed will supply



MOTHER HUBBARD-HUMPTY DUMPTY. A short, thick set peanut, provided with arms and legs and pen-and-ink sketched features, as already directed, requires only a tall paper cap to transform it into a Humpty Dumpty. With the foregoing directions, and the models borrowed from The New Orleans Picayune, bright boys and girls can readily multiply these peanut creatures into a numerous and interesting

Little Hi Pon Tush.

...ittle Hi Pon Tush is a july Chines boy, And he came to our shores when he scarce could walk:

But now he has grown to a chubby, laughing lad,
A lively young sprout from the oriental staik,
And he says, does little Hi. "I now speakee allee samee Lunited Stlates talk."

While Mrs. Tush prepares the "Flowery King-

An art she learned in Hong Kong many years

But they sometimes say they yearn Unto China to return, And live in a junk on the River Houng Ho.

Little Hi plays all day with the "Melican" boys,

And the home of the flee

Is much glood enough for me,
For George Washatuh's land in belly, belly nice."

-Golden Days.

The Ring Game.

All present must leave the room with the exception of one person, who then places a heavy finger ring in some fairly con-spicuous place. On the entrance of the others the object is to find the ring, but instead of exclaiming when they see it cach person that does so quietly sits down without speaking. The last person to find the ring, or the one who cannot do so, has to pay a forfeit or fine, or whatever may be previously settled, and to be the next person to hide the ring. Brass or gilt candle-sticks, clocks, brackets, etc., are good places on which to place the ring, and the same game may be likewise played with a thimble. It is droll to see those who have perceived the ring quietly sitting down, and the eagerness and despair of those who fail to see where it is,

The Donkey and the Gosling. One morning in June, a very hot day, A donkey was quietly munching his hay, When he lifted his voice and began to bray. A goaling who lived in the farmyard nigh

Happened just then to be passing by, And thought it a vulgar way to sign. "My dear sir," said she, in some surprise,

ow can you make that terrible not It's worse than the shout of a dozen boys. "Do express your thoughts in a quieter way,

It would not be so bad as that horrible bray."



HE LIFTED HIS VOICE AND BEGAN TO BRAT. "Pray don't stand there and dictate to me; To whom are you speaking?" said he.
"Oh, that I can very soon toll you," said she.

"Your mother the old sweep's donkey cart drew; Your father a ragman's truck once overthrew; So what can one expect from a donkey like your" She delivered her speech, and then waited in vain, The donkey had turned away in dislain, But after a minute he thus spoke again:

"No doubt you expect me to make some excuse; But I'll not waste words on you—what is the use? If I am a donkey you il soon be a goose."

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The pretty and useful arrangement

called "the baby's nest" is intended to be used for the first month of a baby's life. It is a long pad of light soft wool, wadded with eider down, and trimmed with silk and embroidery or lace. The baby is laid in it as in a bed. It is sufficiently long to protect the back of the head and keep it from draughts. This nest insures eveness of temperature with one little woolen garment; no further clothing is necessary. The child is, in fact, shielded in a large, soft, comfortable envelope, and is not teased by the pulling on and off of so many garments.

What to do with the shells gathered at the seashors is easily solved as follows: Having washed them free from sand and dirt, put them in a basin and pour a little muriatic acid upon them, following this with about two-thirds as much water. In a few minutes take them out of the acid and water, wash in clear water, and rub with a bit of soft flaunel. Then polish with sweet oil and pumics stone, and finish by rubbing with chamois skin. Fresh water shells are bleached by putting them into a chloride of lime solution and letting them stand in the sun, after which they can be polished as above.

How to Put Up Jelly.

When jelly is cold and firm cut a round of white paper to fit the top of the glass, and dip it in the beaten white of an egg. Press it down close to the jelly. If it lines the side of the glass an eighth of an inch it will do no harm. Overthis place a layer of smooth white cotton batting, fitting it sely to the glass. Absorbent cotton is best, but common cotton batting will do if the jolly is firm. Over all paste a round of paper, or paper dipped in white of egg. Be sure the jelly is stored where mice cannot nibble the paper and eat the jelly. Again, pour over the jelly a layer of melted paraffine, melted, but not hot, just warm enough to run. It will harden rapidly. Then paste over the glass a round of soft paper. When the jelly is used, melt the paraffine and save till the following year. Mrs. Hester M. Poole, who is authority for the foregoing, says that where paste is used a few drops of glycerine in each ounce will prevent the label from curling up or dropping off. It is equally efficacious for mucilage.

Green Grape Marmalade.

Green grapes make good pies, also excellent jelly and marmalade. For the jelly more sugar must be used than for ripe grapes. For marmalade remove the seeds from six pounds of unripe grapes, and throw the latter into a saucepan of water over the fire; as soon as they swell lift them Young III's yellow pa handles "washee washee" off, add a little lemon juice, and let them stand by the side of the fire till quite green; The elder Mr. Tush runs a laundry shop, you then turn them into an earthenware pan and let them cool. When cool rub them through a sieve and replace them over the fire to dry; then add five pounds of sugar, clarified and boiled to the "crack;" stir it in well, then set it again on the fire till of the right consistency, when it must be put into pots and covered.

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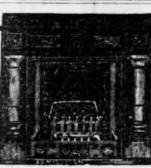
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